Appl. No. 10/016,941 Amdt. dated Aug. 31, 2010 Reply to Office Action of Jul. 19, 2010

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment After Final responds to the Office Action dated July 19, 2010 and places the application in condition for allowance.

The Examiner indicated that claim 87 is allowable and that claims 21, 48, and 69 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 48, which had depended from claim 29, was previously canceled and rewritten as allowed independent claim 87. The Applicants have amended each of independent claims 1 and 29 to recite the limitation of dependent claims 21 and 48 (as previously presented), and have amended independent claim 56 to recite the limitation of dependent claim 69. The Applicants have also corrected an antecedent basis error in independent claims 29 and 56 to properly refer to said "plurality of different segments." The Applicants have canceled claims 21 and 69. The Applicants also note that, because independent claim 29 was amended after the Applicants presented new claim 87 (writing claim 48 into claim 29 as then written), claims 29 and 87 as now presented are not substantial duplicates of each other.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be mailed in this application.

Applicants submit that no fees are required for entry of this Amendment After Final. If any fees are deemed necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee to Deposit Account No. 03-1550.

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